



SECRETARY SHALL BE A MEMBER OF COMMITTEE

Republicans Decide That Officials Must Be Eligible to Enter Executive Sessions.

Vacancy in Fourth District Legislative Delegation is Mentioned Only Incidentally. But Two Proxies.

WHETHER is elected Secretary of the Republican Territorial Committee will be a member of that organization. This action was decided upon after a long discussion principally indulged in by a member from the fifth district, who fought the proposed action in a series of speeches which took up most of the time of the meeting.

Another important action was in the fixing of a system of holding proxies and as to the number each person present at the meeting of the Territorial Committee should hold. The committee voted without a great deal of discussion to restrict such holdings to two proxies to each person, and limiting the persons holding them to members of the committee in question, members of the last Territorial convention and members of the various district committees.

From the opening of the meeting the discussion began upon the election of a secretary. The question as brought before the committee was whether the Secretary should be a member of the Territorial Committee or an outsider. The first resolution introduced was one restricting such an election to a member of the committee. As far as the discussion went the only name of a candidate presented, who was not a member of the committee, was that of J. D. Avery, formerly assistant Secretary under Secretary Hendry. In recognition of Mr. Avery's past services to the committee and to the party in general, he was unanimously elected as Secretary pro tem, at the commencement of the meeting, pending the result of the discussion as to who was eligible for the permanent Secretaryship. The resignation of Mr. Hendry, which was read at the meeting, was accepted and a vote of thanks tendered him for his valuable services to the party and to the cause of Republicanism. This opened the way for the temporary Secretaryship to be bestowed upon Mr. Avery.

At the meeting, which was held in the party headquarters in the Elite building, 24 votes were represented, eight members of the central committee being present, the proxies of fourteen being scattered among them, and two represented by J. A. Gilman and Representative C. H. Dickey. The members present were John C. Lane, vice-chairman, who presided at the meeting; J. P. Cooke, B. H. Wright, J. H. Fisher, W. J. Coelho, T. M. Stewart, Charles Wilcox and George F. Renton.

Upon motion of Mr. Stewart, seconded by J. P. Cooke, Mr. J. D. Avery was nominated for the office of Secretary pro tem, vice Hendry, resigned, and was elected unanimously.

The resignation of Mr. Hendry was read. He stated that he took the opportunity to thank the members of the committee for their uniform kindness and courtesy, and expressed a wish that they continue to work for the interest of the party and their country.

B. H. Wright presented the following motion:

"That the secretary of the Territorial central committee be selected from the members of the committee."

Mr. Gilman seconded the motion.

Mr. Renton thought the committee should first ascertain whether any member wanted the position, as he understood no one would accept the billet. Mr. Cooke said he knew of two who would take the position if offered to them. Mr. Gilman thought it was in the line of duty for the member of the committee to accept the position. He said he did not believe in having an outsider take the office. If the secretary was unable to do the clerical work, he had the authority to have some one to assist him. Stewart put in an interrogation here by asking why the secretary should be a member. Mr. Gilman replied that there were meetings which should be executive in nature. Stewart was on his feet in an

instant and squared himself for a long talk, and the members made ready for an oration.

"I am not ready for the question, Mr. Chairman," said he. "I have wanted to hear why we should elect a member of the committee as secretary. The gentleman who has just preceded me said or intimated that there are times when our meetings should be executive. Does he mean by the term 'executive,' 'secretive'? If he means that there is necessity for the election of a member for secretary, in order to guard the secrets of the committee. What secrets are so pronounced as to make it necessary for us to safeguard them? I think that if we elect a secretary from the committee members, we go against what seems to be a prevailing precedent. But I don't wish to go into that phase of the subject until I have the reasons of the committee-men from the Fourth and Seventh Districts for urging this, or if there have been reasons spoken in conference between these two gentlemen that are not out yet. I therefore ask that if there have been any conferences that we be apprised. The only reason given is that we have secrets to safeguard. Is that the reason?"

There was a long silence and Stewart sat down to determine the effect of his argument. Hearing none, he again took possession of the floor.

"I hear no response, but I see members in various parts of the room are looking at me with serious countenances or with a merry twinkle in their eyes."

"Oh, no," said Wright, laughingly, "I am looking at the twinkle in yours."

"I want to say," continued Stewart with some warmth, "that I stand almost alone and single-handed. I represent myself and one other member of the committee. The only redeeming feature of my adversity lies in the fact that it has been taken by a member of the delegation from the Fifth District (Renton) and has not gone to the lean and hungry Cassius—the Fourth District—I mean."

"I wish that there was the good fortune coming to me to stand closer to the plantations and to the leading journal or organ of Republicanism in the town, or I might not have been bereft of my proxies. Two weeks ago I read in the leading Republican organ of this country—"

"Which organ do you refer to, Mr. Stewart," asked a member.

"Why, the Advertiser, of course," replied Stewart, unmoved.

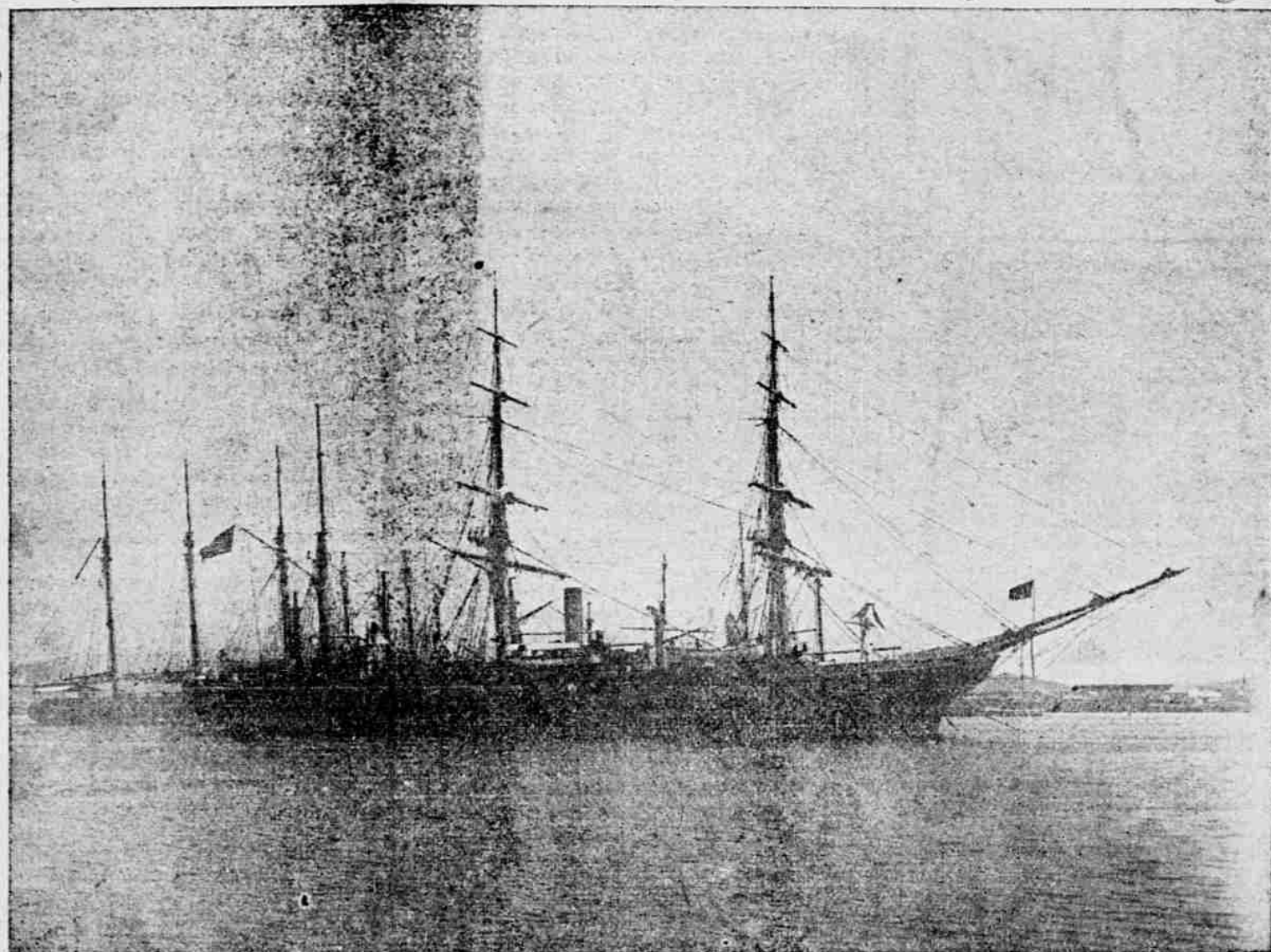
"I don't like to be personal, but you see I have the courage of my convictions. I read that at this meeting disloyal hands would not hold loyal proxies. Of course, I know it referred to the member of the Fifth District, who is now speaking to you. But he has gone into the political fights without having handled a dollar of money, even in honor. If we expect to control the Republican party by slugging men who dare to do their duty, we shall fail. If we expect to do it by corraling a number of votes and putting them in the box here without giving reasons, we will fail in reaching the great body of the people, without which we cannot gain a fight."

"The truth is we don't keep our organization in line with what are usual American methods, customs and practices, and that is why we are constantly running up against snags. People come here who are familiar with American customs, and find radical differences, and then they begin to criticize, and we then have trouble." Stewart then read the personnel of the various national committees, but all of them did not carry out his statement. When called to account for this he said that he meant that the precedent established by the Republican National Committee was the one to which he referred.

Mr. Fisher took issue with Stewart on many points brought up by him. Renton said the essential point was to get the very best secretary, whether he came from the committee or not.

A vote being taken on Wright's resolution resulted in 11 votes for and 9

ADAMS MAY REMAIN IN PORT AS STATION AND RECEIVING SHIP



THE UNITED STATES TRAINING SHIP MOHICAN.

Would Receive Enlistments of Hawaiian Boys for the Navy—Training Ship Mohican Goes First to Hilo—Due Here in Two Weeks.

HONOLULU soon may have a new station ship in the Adams, a training vessel now at Mare Island and navy yard, which has been frequently in this port. While there is no official confirmation of this report, from private sources in this city it is learned that the Adams is to come here in the early spring. Instead of the Alert, which was expected and it is probable that she will be stationed here permanently. Captain Merry, when questioned in regard to the coming of the Adams yesterday, stated that he had received no information upon the subject, and had not been informed of any intention on the part of the Navy Department to make the Adams a receiving ship in Honolulu.

It is said that Delegate Wilcox has made application to have the Adams put out of commission and the Adams take her place. She is a vessel of seventeen hundred tons and a swift and staunch craft of her class. She is expected to arrive in Honolulu in early spring, probably March or April, but whether she remains here as a station ship depends upon further orders from the Secretary of the Navy.

STEAMER CUMMINS AND SCHOONER MALOLO COLLIDE

The Gasoline Boat Runs Into Irwin's Vessel Where the Channel is Narrowest and Both Are Damaged.

THE STEAMER J. A. Cummins for once did not sound her famous siren whistle last night. There would have been a good excuse for it, however, for on returning from a trip around the island she was run into and very nearly sunk by the gasoline schooner Malolo, which was passing out of the channel, bound for Hanalei.

Soon after 9 o'clock last evening loud whistling from the bay, followed by rumors of a marine disaster, drew crowds to the usually deserted front. But although there had been a collision it was unattended by the serious results which had been reported about the streets. The vessels in collision were the forty-nine ton steamer, John A. Cummins, owned by W. G. Irwin & Co., and the twenty-six-ton gasoline schooner Malolo, owned by H. B. McFarlane.

The Cummins, commanded by Captain Searle, left at 8 a. m. yesterday on a trip round the island. The Malolo pulled out about 8:30 last night in charge of Captain Kalama, bound for Hanalei. The Cummins entered the

Honolulu. She will be the first steam collier of the navy to come to this port. The Alexander carries 4262 tons of Pocahontas coal for the naval station according to the bills of lading received at the navy office. Her captain is E. P. D. Nichols and she will make stops at Santiago, Havana and other southern ports, leaving supplies along the way. Her trip around the Horn, it is expected, will consume less than a hundred days and she should arrive early in March.

From this port she will go to Guam to relieve the collier now at that port. The coal brought by the Alexander is for the use of the vessels of the navy only and not for those of the army transport service. This is the first cargo of coal brought on a steam collier to Honolulu, as formerly the coal has always come by sailing vessel under a separate contract. One result will be a reduction in the price of coal to naval vessels, as there is not the additional charge for freight when coal is brought by a vessel of the department.

The Alexander is a vessel of 6181 tons displacement.

LOPEZ WOULD EVADE THE OATH

He Now Proposes to Judge When it is Best to Swear.

SIXTO Lopez, the notorious Filipino agitator, who is now sojourning in Hong-kong, has forwarded to a friend in Manila a communication which he desires his friends to forward to Governor Taff, asking to be allowed to be exempted from the formality of taking the oath of allegiance to the United States on coming to these islands.

Sixto states in his letter that he considers that by taking such oath he would be injuring the cause for which he is now working for the bringing about of peace in these islands, and therefore asks that he be allowed to take the oath only after he has fulfilled his mission.

In this connection La Fraternidad says: "General Chaffee does not consider the services of Mr. Lopez as indispensable, and certainly will not sanction the petition."—Manila Times.

Carnegie May Help Yale.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Rumors are in circulation to the effect that Andrew Carnegie is getting ready to give a million dollars to increase Yale's building endowment fund. President Hadley of Yale, according to New Haven reports, declines to discuss, deny or affirm the rumor. Mr. Carnegie also refuses to make any comment regarding either this rumor or his alleged intentions with respect to a magnificent gift to Columbia University.

WIDEN HOTEL STREET

Executive Council Approves the Plans.

BOYD GETS MORE MONEY

Public Works Department Given Additional \$20,000 for Improvements.

PLANS FOR the widening of Hotel street were again before the Executive Council at yesterday's meeting, which occupied the entire day. The proposition of Henry Waterhouse & Co. to give the government the land required on Hotel street near Alakea was accepted. The price to be paid is merely nominal, one dollar an acre, the government, however, agreeing to bear the expense of changing the curb and sidewalks. This land is made up of the two lots on the town side of the library building on the mauka side of Hotel street.

Superintendent Boyd also is negotiating for the land owned by Waterhouse & Co. at the corner of Union and Hotel streets and the deal for an exchange may be closed today. This leaves little to be done towards the acquisition of land for widening Hotel street, and Superintendent Boyd with a few more days' work and the approval of the Executive Council, will be ready to start on the actual work of widening the street.

The pro rata schedule adopted last week was again up for discussion, the Public Works Department putting in a claim for a large allowance. Mr. Boyd protested that with the small amount allotted to him he would be utterly unable to complete some of the work badly needed, and upon the assurances of Treasurer Wright that the extra expense could be borne an additional allowance of \$20,000 per month was made to the Public Works Department. This will allow of many much needed improvements and while the Kewalo drainage system was not brought up at yesterday's meeting it is understood that the increase in the pro rata will permit of work being commenced on this improvement at once.

A communication was read from Father Valentine of the Catholic church accepting the proposition of the government to widen Fort street and agreeing to donate the necessary land, on condition that a sidewalk and fence be constructed at the expense of the territory.

Several land matters were brought up and Land Commissioner Boyd was granted authority to throw open various tracts for settlement. The application of the Settlement Association in Kailua, Puna, Hawaii, for homestead lots was granted.

The application of the Settlement Association for the opening of seventy acres at seventeen miles on the Volcano road, on Hawaii, was granted, excepting as to one lot, which was outside the tract which can be opened at one time under the land laws.

The James Lewis Settlement Association made application for the opening of 130 acres in Oahu near the Tom Cooke settlement. It was granted only as to sixty-five acres, as only one block may be thrown open at a time.

A list of rules and regulations governing the loading and unloading of vessels at wharves was read by Supt. Boyd and approved by the council. The rules will be submitted to Attorney-General Dole for revision before being promulgated.

A report was also read from Harbor-master Fuller and Captain McCallister of the tug Eleu regarding the recent trouble between the tug Fearless and the government tug Eleu. The reports stated that the Eleu was in no danger at the time of her alleged rescue by the Fearless, and that the latter is not entitled to salvage. No definite action was taken, but it is quite certain that any claim for salvage will be resisted.

At the morning session the application of W. D. Scott for renewal of light wine and beer license at Paia, Maui, was granted. The petition of St. Sayres to have his dealer's license changed to his bottling works in Kakaakao was denied. The application of Nawahi for a beer license at Kailua, Hawaii, was not granted.